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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that with all the laudable work of the Corporation of Madras as claimed by Mr. Deivasigamany, the cheris are lacking in ordinary amenities like privies and drinking water? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The scheme is before the Corporation of Madras. The State Government has approved that scheme, and the matter is being taken up with the Government of India for getting subsidy, etc."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" In view of the fact that there are hundreds of homeless Harijans in the City of Madras, will the Government consider the desirability of giving a subsidy to the City Improvement Trust for constructing tenements for Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We will consider."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Mr. Balakrishnan was pleased to refer to the fact that these Harijan cheris lack in public conveniences, etc. May I know whether the Hon. Minister visited any of these cheris and found out if these amenities were lacking? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" In some of the cheris, these amenities are lacking. But in most of the cheris, they are not lacking."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the serious allegation made by Sri Balakrishnan against the working of the Corporation, may I ask whether the Hon. Minister is aware that he, as the Mayor of Madras, provided water-taps in cheris, provided overhead tanks which were kept open for drawal of water from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and also supplied water through lorries and also constructed dry type latrines wherever there were no flushout latrines, and that the Corporation is doing a laudable service? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the compliments he has paid."

Grant of loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Societies in Tanjore district.

*1040 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the sum proposed to be allotted for loans to Rural Co-operative House Building Societies in Tanjore district for the year 1954–55?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A sum of Rs. 5 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1954–55 for loans to rural housing societies in the State. District-war allotment will be made by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the basis of the reports from the Deputy Registrars regarding the requirements of rural housing societies."